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Applicant : Hakewill, et al.
App. No. : 09/418,663
Filed : October 14, 1999
For : **METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MANAGING THE
CONFIGURATION AND
FUNCTIONALITY OF A
SEMICONDUCTOR DESIGN**
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit: 2763



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. On Page 1, line 6 of the specification as filed, please delete the following text:

-- Background of the Invention --

2. On Page 1, line 11 of the specification, after the sentence ending with "...October 14, 1998." but before the text beginning with "1. Field of the Invention", please insert the following Copyright Notice: